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DE 32 36 291 discloses that to monitor the filling state of vessels containing conductive liquids, especially liquid washing agents for washing machines, there are arranged on the outer wall of the plastic vessel over its surface metal electrodes, of which the capacitance variable by the electrically conductive liquid can be evaluated electronically.

EP 0 066 914 discloses an electrical household apparatus, such as a washing machine or a dish-washer, comprising, in a metal frame with an enameled metal housing, a water circuit, seals for the access openings to preclude the leakage of water which issues from the water circuit, and a water-leakage alarm system, characterized in that, for the detection of water leakage, it comprises an electrode arranged on the housing, below the access openings in the flow path of the leakage water, which electrode is insulated from the frame by an insulator, variations in the electrical conduction or the capacitance between the electrode and the metal frame influencing the alarm system to warn the user in the event of leakage.

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